Funds to NGOs for upgrading education

† 1112. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated, State-wise, including Bihar to Non-Governmental Organisations for upgrading level of education in the rural areas during the last three year;

(b) whether any complaint regarding misuse of allocated money has been received by Government; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) the Ministry of Human Resouce Development provides financial assistance to Non-Governmental Organisations throughout the country including the State of Bihar under various schemes for different educational activities including upgrading level of education in rural areas. The details of such grants of Rs. one lakh and above are generally given in the Annual Reports of the Ministry. Schemes generally have inbuilt mechanism for post-sanction monitoring and review. Periodic visits are conducted by the Officers of the Ministry to ensure proper utilisation of the funds allocated. In case specific complaints are received regarding misuse of funds by such organisations, the matter is investigated and suitable action, such as stoppage of further grants/blacklisting of NGOs, is taken against the NGOs if the allegations are substantiated.

Nutritional support to school children in Karnataka

1113. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally-sponsored scheme aimed at providing nutritional support to children studying in Primary Schools;

(b) the amount released to each State/Union Territory during the last three years under the schemes;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is a fact that Karnataka Government has submitted a proposal for providing hot cooked meal to the primary school children in the State belonging to Scheduled Castes; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof, Government's reaction thereto and by when the required allocations would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education popularly known as Mid-Day Meal Scheme was launched in August, 1995. The objective of the programme is to give a boost to universalisation of Primary Education by increasing enrolment, attendance and retention and simultaneously impacting on nutritional status of children in primary classes. Under the programme, foodgrains are made available free of cost to States/UTs for children of primary classes (I-V) in Government, Local Bodies and government aided schools through Food Corporation of India (FCI), the cost of which is reimbursed to FCI and therefore, no funds are allocated to States. Transportation costs are reimbursed to State agencies. The cost of conversion of foodgrains into cooked meals is to be met by the State/Implementing Agencies. Year-wise expenditure incurred during the last three years is given as under:—

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crores)
1999-2000	1500.00
2000-2001	1299.00
2001-2002	1030.26

(c) and (d) As per the Government of Karnataka, no proposal has been sent to the Central Government for release of funds for providing cooked meals to the children belonging to Scheduled Castes under the National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid Day Meal Scheme). In a letter to the Prime Minister, the Chief Minister of Karnataka as requested for formulation of a scheme for 100% Central assistance to help implement the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The Government has already conveyed to the States/UTs that under the scheme the cost of conversion of foodgrains into a cooked meal is to be borne by the State/Implementing Agencies.